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FOR: L-GLUTAMIC ACID PRODUCING BACTERIUM AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING L-GLUTAMIC ACID

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.